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Voluntary Service Organisations
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Cadet Corps and National Service Scheme are students voluntary service organisations in the educational institutions in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the slogan-"not me but you"- which is used in these organisations; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) and (b): Yes Madam. National Cadet Corps and National Service Scheme are students voluntary service organisations in the educational institutions in the country.
National Cadets Corps (NCC)
The National Cadets Corps (NCC) came into existence under the National Cadet Corps Act, 1948. The NCC provides opportunities to the youth of the country for their all-round development with a sense of duty, commitment, dedication, discipline and moral values so that they
become able leaders and useful citizens. The NCC provides exposure to the cadets in a wide range of activities, with a distinct emphasis on Social Services, Discipline and Adventure Training. The NCC is open to all regular students of schools and colleges on a voluntary basis. The motto of NCC is "UNITY AND DISCIPLINE". NCC aims at developing the following qualities/ competencies among the volunteers:
i. To develop character, commandership, discipline, leadership, secular outlook, spirit of adventure and the ideals of selfless service amongst the youth of the country.
ii. To create a human resource of organized, trained and motivate youth to provide leadership in all walks of life and always available for the service of the nation.
iii. To provide a suitable environment to motivate the youth to take up a career in the Armed Forces.
National Service Scheme(NSS)
The National Service Scheme (NSS) was launched on 24th September, 1969, in course of the Gandhiji's birth centenary celebration, with the primary objective of developing the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service. The scheme 'Education through Service' is the purpose of the NSS. The ideological orientation of the NSS is inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. NSS aims at developing the following qualities/ competencies among the volunteers:
i. To understand the community in which the NSS volunteers work and to understand themselves in relation to their community;
ii. To identify the needs and problems of the community and involve themselves in problem-solving exercise;
iii. To develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility;
iv. To utilize their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems;
iv. To gain skills in mobilizing community participation;
v. To acquire leadership qualities and democratic values;
vii. To develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters; and
viii. To practice national integration and social harmony.
(c) and (d) Yes Madam. The Motto of NSS is "Not Me But You", which reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for self-less service. An NSS volunteer places the 'community' before 'self'. NSS helps the students to develop appreciation to other person"s point of view and also show consideration to other living beings. The activities under NSS continue to evolve in response to needs of the community. Some of the areas of activity are literacy and education, health & family welfare, sanitation and cleanliness, environment conservation, women's empowerment, disaster relief and rehabilitation, etc. NSS volunteers play an important role in creating awareness about development programmes and against social evils. In addition to these core activities, NSS volunteers also participate in some other important activities like Republic Day Parade, Adventure Camps, National Integration Camps and North East NSS Festivals, 'Suvichar' and 'Youth Convention' events during the National Youth Festival, Self-Defence Training for NSS Volunteers, etc.
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